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Celebrate Independence in America's National Parks

WASHINGTON, DC –What better way to celebrate Independence Day this year than by visiting a National Park? The National Park Service has the honor of preserving numerous areas that commemorate the birth of the United States and American Independence. The ideals and freedoms that were won during the American Revolution and guaranteed in the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence are celebrated throughout the National Park System.

“I invite everyone to celebrate Independence at one of the many sites managed by the National Park Service,” said Mary A. Bomar, Director of the National Park Service. “Many of the events and people that established and helped maintain our Independence as a nation are today commemorated in areas managed by the National Park Service. The Fourth of July is also a good time to come together with family and friends and celebrate the birth of this nation. Come visit us and have a safe and happy Fourth of July.”

The National Park Service has made available, in time for the Fourth of July, a website to assist visitors as they make plans to visit national parks this Independence Day. By visiting the *Celebrating Independence in America's National Parks* website at http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/inde/celebrate.htm, visitors can learn of the many special programs taking place on and around the Fourth of July at National Park Service sites throughout the nation.

To learn more about American Independence and the National Park Service and to gain a an understanding of our nation's past, present, and future, visit the *Celebrating Independence in America's National Parks* website and, more importantly, visit a National Park this Independence Day.

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